

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

JOB TITLE: Physician Assistant

GRADE: 19

JOB CODE: 2115

DATE: 11/8/95

GENERAL FUNCTION: Under the supervision and responsibility of a supervising physician, approved under the provisions of 902 KAR 9:175, elicits a comprehensive health history, performs a comprehensive physical examination, diagnostic laboratory determinations and treatment procedures. Provide preventive, therapeutic, restorative, and maintenance aspects of health care.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides health care services to patients under direction and responsibility of physician(s):

Examines patient, performs comprehensive physical examination, and compiles patient medical data, including health history and results of physical examination.

Administers or orders diagnostic test, such as x-ray, and laboratory tests, and interprets test results for deviations from normal.

Performs therapeutic procedures, such as injections, immunizations, and managing infection, aspiration, EKG.

Develops and implements patient comprehensive management plans, records progress notes, and assists in provision of continuity of care.

Instructs and counsels patients regarding compliance with prescribed therapeutic regimens, normal growth and development, family planning, emotional problems of daily living, and health maintenance.

Documents and maintains patient records of services provided according to program standards.

Participates in utilization review for quality of services.

Coordinates treatment plan with other care givers such as, Physician(s), Community Health Nurses, physical therapists, social workers and nutritionists.

Participates in employee orientation and training programs.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Limited supervision with alternating periods of autonomy and general review. Supervisor plays substantial role in setting objectives and organizing work

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: May supervise designated staff.

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JOB SPECIFICATIONS:

Knowledge and Abilities:

Utilizes specialized knowledge and skills in the provision, of direct patient care in specialty clinics.

Good knowledge of standard laboratory tests and radiological procedures;

Good knowledge of the signs and symptoms of a variety of common diseases;

Working skill in interviewing and counseling patients; in communicating observations, information, or recommendations regarding diagnosis or treatment to medical professionals and other staff in written or oral form.

Considerable ability to apply the policies, procedures, and programs of the area of assignment.

Working ability to comprehend, communicate and apply state and federal laws and health laws which affect patient care;

Ability to work cooperatively with other professional and support staff members or members of an interdisciplinary or team;

Ability to identify a variety of symptoms commonly encountered in the area of assignment and to determine the appropriate treatment strategy, disposition, or referral for such conditions or behaviors.

Accurately interpret complex clinical situations.

Flexible and accomplished in setting priorities.

Minimum Education, Training and Experience Requirements: Certified as a Physician Assistant by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure in accordance with KRS 311.565 and Kentucky Administrative Regulation 201.975.

The intent of this job description is to provide a representative summary of duties and responsibilities that will be required of positions given this title and shall not be construed as a declaration of the specific duties and responsibilities of any particular position. Employees may be requested to perform job-related tasks other than those specifically presented in this description.